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Summary of Additional Amendments Made in Order to H.R. 4200 - The FY2005 National Defense Authorization Act

The following are summaries of the amendments made in order under yesterday's unanimous consent agreement. The amendment numbers refer to the sequence outlined under the rule (H.Res. 648): <http://www.house.gov/rules/108rule4200.htm>

29. Directs the Secretary of the Army to place a memorial marker in Arlington National Cemetery honoring non-citizens killed in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Federal funds could not be used for the design or construction.

30. Increases funds authorized for construction at Robins Air Force Base in Georgia by about \$6.5 million, offset dollar-for-dollar by a reduction in funds authorized for Air Force Reserve land acquisition and construction.

31. Increases funds authorized for Army procurement of certain helicopter items by \$4 million, offset dollar-for-dollar by a reduction in funds authorized for Information Systems ("Other Procurement, Army").

32. Establishes a college financial assistance program for the DC National Guard (i.e. the DC Army and Air Force National Guards, respectively). Assistance per servicemember could not exceed \$2,500 per academic year and \$12,500 total. Requires an annual report to Congress on the effectiveness of this program in improving recruiting and retention for the DC national Guard.

Amendment made in order under the rule that was modified by the unanimous consent agreement:

Hastings, Doc #126: Increases funds authorized for the Department of Energy's Defense Site Acceleration Completion by \$50 million (the original amendment increased this account by \$100 million, which would have brought the total authorization for this program up to the President's budget request level). Offsets this increase with an equivalent reduction from the transportation capital fund in the Air Force Operation and Maintenance Account.

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